

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

### **Listing of Claims**

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled).

3. (currently amended) A method of retrieving information, comprising the steps of:

preparing one or more boards each having one or more cards put thereon in advance;

wherein each board is a site for allowing communications and retrieving of information between participants in a discussion on the board,

wherein each card holds speech content of one of the participants;

detecting if a speaker mark is put on included in speaker mark putting areas for retrieval each provided on a board;

wherein the speaker mark holds information regarding the participant and content of the card;

if the speaker mark is detected, taking out extracting information including user participant attribute, and a keyword to be used to conduct a for retrieval or the like from information embedded in said speaker mark and displaying said taken out the extracted information;

prompting the user-participant to take actions for specifying a keyword, said actions including sorting out said keyword from said displayed information and inputting said keyword;

collating said keyword specified by the ~~user~~participant and with information from a board information stored in a cache~~cached~~ in a client terminal being used by the participant; and

displaying in a highlighted manner information of a card ~~put~~included on said board, said card matching said keyword.

Claims 4-7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended)A communication system comprising:

a client terminal;<sub>1</sub> and

a server,

wherein said client terminal comprises:

means for preparing one or more boards each having one or more cards included therein~~put thereon~~<sub>1</sub>;

wherein each board is a site for allowing communications and retrieving of information between participants in a discussion on the board,

wherein each card holds speech content of one of the participants,

wherein said client terminal is being used by a participant,

means for detecting if a speaker mark is ~~put on~~included in speaker mark ~~putting areas for retrieval each provided on a board~~<sub>1</sub>;

means<sub>1</sub> ~~for~~ responsive to detection of the speaker mark, for extracting ~~taking out~~ information including user~~participant~~ attribute, and a keyword ~~for to be used to~~

~~conduct a retrieval or the like~~ from information embedded in said speaker mark and  
~~for displaying said taken-out~~the extracted information;

means for prompting the ~~user~~participant to take actions for specifying of a  
keyword, said actions including sorting out said keyword from said displayed  
information and inputting said keywords;

means for transmitting a retrieval request to a server, said retrieval request,  
including said keyword specified by the participant requests that a retrieval process  
be conducted using said keyword user;

means for receiving a retrieval result resulting from conducting the retrieval  
process from said server, and

means for editing and displaying said retrieval result using information  
embedded in multimedia data of a board, and

wherein said server comprises:

means for receiving said retrieval request from said client terminal;

means, responsive to receiving said retrieval request, for retrieving a board  
genre providing information regarding the types of discussions held on the, board,  
introduction providing information regarding the purpose of the discussions held on  
the board and member condition providing information regarding conditions for  
becoming a participant of the board from a board management database, and

means for transmitting ~~a~~the retrieval result to ~~the~~said client terminal.

Claim 9 (canceled).

10. (currently amended) A method of editing contents of various boards each being a site for allowing communications and retrieval of information between participants in a discussion on the board, said method comprising the steps of:

embedding in a speaker mark an edition keyword as a header in-advance to  
be used to identify a card for editing,

putting one or more cards on a first board, said one or more cards each  
having a said speaker mark put thereon placed therein,

wherein each card holds speech content of one of the participants,

wherein the speaker mark holds information regarding the participant and  
content of the card,

preparing templates of second boards for use in re-edition in-advance editing  
the first board,

inputting an extraction keyword to be used to extract corresponding  
information,

in response to the inputting of the extraction keyword, extracting a card  
matching the extraction keyword from the cards included put on said first board, and

putting-inserting the extracted card on a second board based on an in  
correspondence to a attribute of a certain characteristic of said second board.